

[54] WALLBOARD TAPING APPARATUS

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[57] ABSTRACT

An apparatus for taping joints between pieces of wallboard comprises a taping head, slidably contactable with a wall, for substantially simultaneously applying a first layer of a joint compound to a joint between pieces of wallboard, embedding a wallboard tape in the first layer of the joint compound, and overcoating the embedded wallboard tape with at least one additional layer of the joint compound; a handle, connected to the taping head, for supporting the taping head, the handle being manually graspable by an operator, the handle having a fluid conduit formed therein for passing joint compound to the taping head; a tape supply mounted on the handle for supplying wallboard tape to the taping head; a backpack, wearable by the operator, for supporting a supply of the joint compound and for producing a pressurized stream of the joint compound; and a flexible connecting means for fluidically interconnecting the backpack and the fluid conduit to pass the pressurized stream of the joint compound from the backpack to the fluid conduit.

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